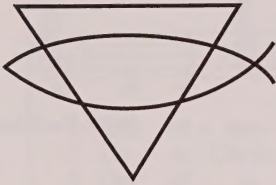


MISSION STATEMENT

To bring a diversity of seekers into **Membership** with Christ and the fellowship of Imani MCC by sharing Christ's holistic message; developing all to Christ like **Maturity** through worship, bible study and community **Outreach** in order to **Magnify** God's name and equipping all for **Ministry** in our community and our world.



“(IMANI)...is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

Heb 11:1



WELCOME

*We welcome you to Imani MCC.
You may be new to us, but you
are known and loved by God.*

*We pray that the worship service
will fill you with joy and sustain
you throughout the coming week.*

*We hope you will find sanctuary
here and continue to
fellowship with us each week.*

✝ IMANI ✝

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF DURHAM

April 15, 2001

Resurrection Sunday

Rev. Wanda Y. Floyd, Pastor

✠ Rise as you are able

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

✠ *Praise & Worship*

Welcome and Announcements

(Please sign the *Guest Register* so we know you were here)

✠ *Read Mission Statement (printed on front of bulletin)*

✠ *Call to Worship:*

One: Christ is Risen!

ALL: Christ is risen indeed!

✠ *Affirm and greet SOMEONE NEW with today's affirmation*

TODAY'S AFFIRMATION
"He's Alive In You!"

Children's Moment

Joyce Psalidas

"The Resurrection Story"

Interlude		"The Main Event" - He Chose the Nails
Scripture Reading	"Early in the Morning"	John 20: 1-10, pg 5
Music Interlude		"Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord" - Godspell
Scripture Reading	"I've Just Seen Jesus"	John 20:11-18, pgs .5-6
✠ <i>Congregational Song</i>		"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"
Scripture Reading	"Behind Locked Doors"	John 20:19-22, pg 6
Music Interlude		"He Reigns" - He Chose the Nails
Scripture Reading	"The Doubters in Us All"	John 20:24-31, pg 6
Music Interlude		"I Missed the Signs" - He Chose the Nails
Scripture Reading	"He is Alive Forever"	Luke 24:50-53, pg 6
Imani Ensemble		"Because He Lives"

*Following the story, you are welcome
to come forward for prayer and anointing.*

Chorus of Response:

Our God is an awesome God, who reigns from heaven above with wisdom, power and love.

Our God is an awesome God!

(REPEAT)

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Praise ye the Lord, Sing unto the Lord a new song.

Latin: 14th Century

English translation, *New Version*

Charles Wesley, stanza 4

— Psalm 149:1

LLANFAIR

Robert Williams

Harmonized by John Roberts

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which He en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

1 Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 2 Un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured;
 4 Praise e - ter - nal as His love;

1 Who did once up - on the cross,
 2 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Now a - bove the sky He's King,
 4 Praise Him, all ye heaven - ly host,

1 Suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 2 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Where the an - gels ev - er sing.
 4 Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

✠ *Prayer of Thanks*

✠ *Offertory Chorus of Response:*

Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow, Praise God all Creatures Here Below.
Praise God above ye Heavenly host, Praise Parent, Child and Holy Ghost. AMEN

WE COMMUNICATE WITH GOD

Prayer Response:

Create in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.
Create in me a clean heart O God, that I might be renewed.
So fill me, and heal me, and bring me back to you.
Create in me a clean heart O God, that I might worship you.

WE GATHER AROUND THE TABLE

At Imani MCC and MCC's throughout the world, we serve an open communion. Everyone is welcome at the Table of God. If you have a relationship with Jesus Christ, want to have a better relationship with Jesus Christ or want to learn more about Jesus Christ, you are welcome at the table. You may come forward to receive the just the elements of bread and grape juice and return to your seats, you may come forward for the elements and a blessing or you may sit and meditate in your seat. Please do as you feel comfortable.

Prayer of Confession (read together)

Awesome and challenging God, hold us close for this moment, so that with your support we might look deep within and let your healing light purify our darkness. Only in your grasp can we face our struggles--our frantic pursuit of business in order to cover up the emptiness of meaning in life; the ease with which we tolerate the troubles and inequities of our divided society; the acceptance of bottom line thinking as a final word in decision making; the fear of difference that keeps us from receiving gifts of others. Holy God, keep us close to the cross and let us experience your transforming love that turned a sorrowful Friday into an Easter hope. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession (a time to confess our sins to God)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Communion Song:

In broken bread and the cup that we share, We remember You.
In broken bread and the cup that we share, we remember You.
We remember You, Jesus. We remember Your love for us.
We remember the blood You shed. We remember you.

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INVITATION TO TABLE - DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Please respect those around you and refrain from talking. -- Thank you.

WE GO OUT TO BE PEOPLE OF GOD

✠ *Parting Hymn:*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

✠ *Closing Prayer*

ARE YOU TRUSTING AND OBEYING GOD IN ALL AREAS OF YOUR LIFE?

Today's Scripture Reading

John 20: 1-31 - Please read the **BOLDED** lines together

1) Early on the first day of the week, while it was not yet light, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. 2) **So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have laid him."** 3) Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. 4) **The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter, reached the tomb first,** 5) and bending down to look in, saw the linen wrappings lying there, but did not go in. 6) **Simon Peter came, following after, and went into the tomb. Peter saw the linen wrappings lying there,** 7) and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8) **then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and saw and believed;** 9) for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that Jesus must rise from the dead. 10) **Then the disciples returned to their homes.**

John 20: 11-18 - Please read the **BOLDED** lines together

11) But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 12) **and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.** 13) They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." 14) **When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know it was Jesus.** 15) Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for? Supposing him to be the gardener, she replied "Sir, if you have carried Jesus away,

tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” 16) **Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and exclaimed in Hebrew, “Teacher”.** 17) Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to God. But go to my sisters and brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my God and your God.’ 18) **Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”;** and she told them that Jesus had said these things to her.

John 20: 19-22 - Please read the **BOLDDED** lines together

19) When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the religious authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” 20) **Having said this, Jesus showed them his hands and sides. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.** 21) Jesus said to them again, “Quote be with you. As God has sent me, so I send you.” 22) **Having said this, Jesus breathed on them and said to them, “Rejoice, receive the Holy Spirit.”**

John 20: 24-31 - Please read the **BOLDDED** lines together

24) But Thomas, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25) **So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But Thomas said to them, “Unless I see the mark o the nails and Jesus’ hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in Jesus’ side I will not believe.”** 26) A week later the disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” 27) **When Jesus said to Thomas, “Put my finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”** 28) Thomas answered, “My Lord, My God.” 29) **Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those you have not seen and yet have come to believe.”** 30) Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book. 31) **But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the child of God and that through believing you may have life in Jesus’ name.**

Luke 24: 50-53 - Please read the **BOLDDED** lines together

50) Then Jesus led them out as far as Bethany and, with uplifted hands, Jesus blessed them. 51) **While blessing them, Jesus withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.** 52) And they worshiped Jesus, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; 53) **and they were continually in the temple blessing God.**

The Last Words of Christ on the Cross, were said JUST FOR YOU!

1) Creator, forgive them, for they know not what they do. *Luke 23:34*

2) Today you will be with me in paradise! *Luke 23: 43*

3) Woman, here is your son, Son, here is your mother. *John 19: 25-27*

4) I thirst. *John 19:28-29*

5) My God, my God, why have you forsaken me. *Matthew 27:46*

6) It is finished. *John 19:30*

7) Creator, into your hands I commit my spirit. *Luke 23:26*

He Died on the Cross Just for You! What will you do, this day for him?

Miracle Days are Fast Approaching!

Thus far we have 6 Miracles days claimed! Only 16 more to go. See this month's Newsletter to find out how you can be a part of the miracle.

The Imani MCC Prayer Team - April 29, 2001

The Imani MCC Outreach Ministry Team - May 19, 2001

The Imani MCC Building Team - May 20, 2001

Pam Hutcheson

Colesta Jackson and Frances Watkins

Lori Tyman - May 14, 2001

Will your name be next?



"BUY-A-SUNDAY"

April 15th

In Honor of

Quentin Eugene Miller

(Nephew)

"Welcome to the World"

April 1, 2001

by

Kris Riebe

(aunt)

BUY - A - SUNDAY

***You can sponsor a Sunday's rent which makes this ministry possible,
for a minimum of \$50.00 or more in honor or memory of someone you love.***

Yes, I would like to Sponsor a Sunday _____ Day of Rent \$50.00 Month of Rent \$200 _____ Other \$ _____

on _____ in honor or memory of _____

for _____

Gift Made by: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Make Checks Payable to Imani MCC and designate for: Buy-A-Sunday

March 21-April 18

Bible Study

Wednesdays – 7:30 P.M. - Room 7

Topics “Jesus & Easter” - Lead by Pastor Wanda

Coming soon: “Homosexuality in the Bible”

APRIL - SOFTBALL SEASON BEGINS - STAY TUNED FOR SCHEDULE

COME OUT AND SUPPORT THE

“IMANI SLAMMERS” THIS SEASON!

POT LUCK DINNER FOLLOWING TODAY’S SERVICE

- 21st** Choir Yard Sale at church office 8am-12 noon
Bring donations with you to church from now until the 15th
- 22 & 29th** Usher Training following worship service
- 27-28th** Relay For Life - American Cancer Society
- 29th** Miracle Days Begin (See Building Team member for more details)
- MAY**
- 18-20th** GLAD Conference
- 19th** Spring Fling 8-12 ERUUF; sponsored by Outreach and Building Team Ministries
- 20th** Miracle Sunday - Potluck and Raffle
- 23-25th** Revival with Rev. Jerri Ann Harvey
- 26th** Choir Fest-more information soon

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April 8, 2001

Attendance:	58
Offering:	\$1,939.00
To Date:	\$25,738.77
Building Fund	\$150.00
To Date:	\$4,019.78
Total:	\$22,482.36
Other:	

**Please pray for the
development of our
Vision Statement!**

Questions and Answers Concerning Tithing

(Taken from "The Power of Tithing: The Tither is the Greatest Benefactor" by J. Owens Smith)

If I pay my tithes, will God meet my needs?

- *II Corinthians 5:7* – For we walk by faith, not by sight
- *Philippians 4:19* – But my God shall supply all my needs according to God's riches in glory by Christ Jesus
- *Malachi 3:10-11* – Prove me, says the Lord of Hosts if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing that there shall not be room to receive it. I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes.
- *Matthew 6:33* – But, seek ye first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness: and all these things be added unto you.

Will God bless me if I do not tithe?

- *James 4:17* – Therefore, to him that know to do good, and do not do it, to him it is sin.

God will bless you only if you are living within God's will.

- *Malachi 3:9* – You are cursed with a curse; for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation

Does God want Christians (God's children) to prosper?

- *III John 2* – Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul.
- *Luke 12:32* – Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your God's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.
- *Psalms 84:11-12* – No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of Hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

If I pay my bills and there is no money left, how can I tithe?

- *Proverbs 3:9-10* – Honor the Lord with your substance and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

If I pay my tithes, does it mean that I will never have any financial troubles? (No)

- *Psalms 34:19* – Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord rescues them from them all.
- *Ecclesiastes 7:14* – In the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of adversity consider: God has made the one as well as the other, so that mortals may not find out anything that will come after them.

If I am upset with my pastor, should I withhold my tithe? (No)

- *Malachi 3:10* – Bring the full tithe into the storehouse (God's house), so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.

By not bringing your tithe into God's house, you are robbing yourself of your blessings, not the pastor. When you withhold your tithes, it shows that your spirit is not right with God.

- *I Chronicles 16:22* – Do not touch my anointed ones; do my prophets not harm.

Should the poor be encouraged to give?

In Luke 21:1-4, Jesus shows us that he honors those that give of their last. The story shows that it is the spirit of giving that counts. Rich or not, we are encouraged to give out of what we have.

What can be hindering my blessings and what can be done about it?

- *Luke 6:38* – Give and it shall be given to you.
- *Matthew 6:33* – But strive first for the kingdom of God and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

When should we bring our tithes?

- *I Corinthians 16:2* – On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn

What will happen if I don't give?

- *Luke 6:38* – Give, and it will be given to you.

When you don't give, you don't get. As long as you withhold what rightfully is God's, you block your blessings.

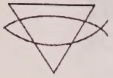
Stewardship

At Imani MCC, we believe that stewardship is a combination of four things:

- 1) **Time:** How we use our time is a reflection of our lives. How much time do we give to God, work, relationships, etc. in our lives on a daily basis lets others know what is important to you. In looking at your 24-hour day, how much of that do you give to God, yourself and others?
- 2) **Talent:** Our talent is the spiritual gift that God has given to us. We each have at least one talent that can be used to further God's realm here on earth. Once the gift is discovered, you will have the ability to glorify God with your best gift...the one that God gave to you.
- 3) **Money:** We do believe in tithing back to God. The word "tithing" means "tenth". Jesus talked about money 16 out of 38 parables and one out of 10 verses in the gospels. The bible devotes 500 verses to prayer, 500 verses about faith and over 2,000 on money and possessions. Obviously, money/possessions were important. In the book of Malachi, God challenges us to put God to the test by giving the tithe to the church first. In doing so, blessings will be poured out on us. (See back of page for questions and answers concerning tithing)
- 4) **Relationship/Membership:** Becoming a member of Imani MCC is also a part of stewardship. Building relationships through membership to a group is important. Through your membership, you become part of a denomination that stretches all around the world. No matter where you go, you will find another MCC in the world.

Food for Thought:

"All that you have belongs to God, we are just managers.



Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation



A Policy of Imani Metropolitan Community Church

(Based on Matthew 18: 15-20)

PREAMBLE

At Imani MCC, the quality and strength of our interpersonal relationships is vitally important to our ministry together being effective. As in all human relationships, however, conflict will occur from time to time between us. Conflict itself is not negative. It is natural. In fact, conflict can be beneficial when it is used to make necessary changes, to produce gains, and to foster unity and understanding. Conflict becomes negative when it is not dealt with directly, fairly, carefully, prayerfully, and with love and reconciliation. Conflict becomes harmful when it escalates to threats, name-calling, expansion from one issue to multiple issues, and movement away from specific complaints to general complaints.

SUPPORT COUNCIL

To maximize the potential for conflicts within Imani MCC to result in beneficial outcomes for the Church and for the parties to any conflict, the Senior Pastor shall appoint a standing Support Council made up of three (3) appointed members and the Senior Pastor who shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Council. The three (3) appointed members shall be selected from the following groups:

1. One (1) member from the Church Board of Directors.
2. Two (2) from the Congregation at Large.

All members of the Support Council will be required to complete appropriate training as defined by the Senior Pastor in support of this entire Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation Policy and shall serve until replaced by the Senior Pastor.

POLICY

Imani MCC believes that conflict can best be resolved by the parties involved meeting promptly to identify and discuss the conflict with each other, ideally within 24-hours of the conflict having arisen, without outside intervention or assistance. Imani MCC also believes, however, that unresolved conflict between individuals becomes conflict within the church as a whole, causing disruption and divisiveness and, thereby, interfering with the Church's ability to fulfill its mission effectively. Therefore, if the parties to the conflict have not met within 24-hours after Church leadership learns of the conflict, the following process and timetable will be followed by the Church:

1. The Church leader who receives the initial notification of the conflict from one or more of the parties involved will:
 - a. Contact the parties involved to encourage them to meet and diligently pursue resolution without outside intervention within the next 24-hours. (Contact must be via phone or face-to-face. Email communication is not acceptable.)
 - b. Notify one other Church leader, who is a member of the Council, of the conflict and identify the parties involved.
2. After the expiration of this additional 24-hour "grace period", if the conflict has not been resolved, these two Church leaders will schedule a meeting with all known parties to the conflict to occur within the next 48-hours.
3. If this meeting does not result in a resolution acceptable to all parties, these two Church leaders will immediately notify the Senior Pastor.

4. Within 48-hours of receiving notification of the conflict, the Senior Pastor will schedule a meeting of the Council with the parties involved.
5. In support of each of the parties to the conflict, the Council and each of the parties are expected to adhere to the following guiding principles:
 - a. Each must first affirm their relationship with God and commit to finding acceptable solutions that exemplify God's grace and God's will.
 - b. Concern for the mutual benefit and support of all parties and of Imani MCC as a whole.
 - c. Be firm on your interests, however, be flexible on solutions to the conflict.
 - d. At all times, speak to each person's self-esteem and worth as a human being.
 - e. Name calling and abusive language will not be used by any of the parties. (Don't use labels—do use facts!)
 - f. Rumors and innuendo should not be used nor should "fogging". Stick to the facts.
 - g. Do not interrupt! The person who has the floor, has the floor.
 - h. Identify and eliminate false conflicts. Misunderstandings are not true conflicts.
 - i. Analyze the interests of all of the parties involved.
 - j. Talk about the problem first, then the solutions.
 - k. Strive to reveal the interests of all parties involved. Remember, a person's interests are the focal point of the conflict.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

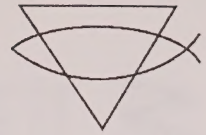
Each of the parties to the conflict will:

1. Be given equal time to present the problem and interests. Each must use the word "I", not "You". (i.e. "Here is how I feel...", not "Here is how you make me feel.")
2. Acknowledge that you hear the other person's problem with eye contact, not by interrupting.
3. Ask clarifying questions. You are trying to find solutions that all parties can agree to. Ask a lot of questions, brainstorm possible answers first, pick from them afterwards.
4. Stick to the topic at hand. Issues or interests not related to the stated problem (Fogging) will not be permitted.
5. Look for areas of agreement.
6. Refrain from escalating the discussion. If the discussion should escalate, the discussion will be temporarily stopped until calm can be restored.
7. Utilize mutual restating. If anyone says, "You don't understand", the discussion will be stopped and the statement will be repeated. The first party will be given an opportunity to correct you and you will be given the opportunity to restate again, etc.
8. State all requests for change in behavioral terms. It will not be allowable to ask for an attitude change. If you want a person to stop doing something, you must tell them what to do instead.
9. Watch their body language. Be consistent with verbal and non-verbal messages. A person's body language will be believed and remembered over their words.
10. Sit either on the same side of the table or in chairs at a 45° degree angle. Nothing should physically separate the parties involved.
11. Agree that everything that is said and all actions that are taken within the Council will remain strictly confidential.
12. Agree the only solutions that will work are the solutions that all parties come up with together and accept individually.

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Rev. Wanda Y. Floyd, Sr. Pastor

LEADERSHIP CODE OF CONDUCT

UNBECOMING CONDUCT:

- 1) Pattern of public drunkenness or substance abuse.
- 2) Misappropriation of church funds or property.
- 3) Any sexual relations with persons below the age of consent.
- 4) Non-consensual physical abuse or violence.
- 5) Sexual relations between leaders and those that are a part of their ministry team.
- 6) Pattern of lying or dishonesty.
- 7) Knowingly violating the sanctity of relationship covenants.
- 8) Inappropriate violation of confidentiality.
- 9) Sexual harassment, i.e., any sexually related behavior that is unwelcome, offensive, and which fails to respect the rights of others.
- 10) Inappropriate language in public (i.e. swearing, cursing, name calling, etc.)

DISLOYALTY:

- 1) Patterns of deliberate or malicious acts which damage or bring harm to a person, a congregation, or other church body within the UFMCC.
- 2) Undermining the authority and ministry of the pastor.

DERELICTION OF DUTY:

- 1) Excessive absences from worship service and other church related activities.
- 2) Non-support of the ministries of the church.
- 3) Failure to report acts of misconduct via Policy on Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation. (Matthew 18:15-20)

Ministry Leader – Printed

Signature

Date

Pastor Signature

Date

(Revised 12/5/00-DRAFT)

Mission Statement

To bring a diversity of seekers into membership with Christ and the fellowship of Imani MCC by sharing Christ's holistic message and developing all to Christlike maturity through worship, Bible Study and community outreach in order to magnify God's name and equipping all for ministry in our community and our world.



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Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Wanda



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Have a Sunny Day!



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How to Win Over Stress

1 Peter 5:7

Cast all your anxiety on God, because God cares for you.

Learn From God

Romans 15:4

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

11 Corinthians 1:20

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

Learn on God

Prov. 3:5

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.

Psalms 37:5

Commit your way to the LORD, trust in the LORD, and the LORD will act.

James 4:8

Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Learn what God

1 Corinthians 3:9

For we are God's servants, working together, you are God's field, God's building.

2 Corinthians 1:4

who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God.

Learn as God

John 15:9

As the Creator has loved me, so I have loved you, abide in my love.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

May the God of peace sanctify you entirely, and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

I. F. S.

Ira F. Stanphill, 1914.

1. I don't know a-bout to-mor-row, I just live from day to day.
 2. Ev-ry step is get-ting bright-er, As the gold-en stairs I climb;
 3. I don't know a-bout to-mor-row, It may bring me pov-er-ty;

I don't bor-row from its sun-shine, For its skies may turn to gray.
 Ev-ry bur-den's get-ting light-er, Ev-ry cloud is sil-ver lined.
 But the one who feeds the spar-row, Is the one who stands by me.

I don't wor-ry o'er the fu-ture, For I know what Je-sus said,
 There the sun is al-ways shin-ing, There no tear will dim the eye,
 And the path that be my por-tion, May be through the flame or flood.

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And to-day I'll walk be-side Him, For He knows what is a-head.
 At the end-ing of the rain-bow, Where the moun-tains touch the sky,
 But His pres-ence goes be-fore me, And I'm cov-ered with His blood.

Refrain

Man-y things a-bout to-mor-row, I don't seem to un-der-stand;

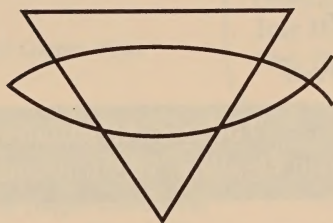
But I know who holds to-mor-row, And I know who holds my hand.

† IMANI MCC †

OF DURHAM

May 16, 1999

3:00 P.M.



Wanda Y. Floyd

Pastor

We welcome you to Imani MCC. You may be new to us, but you are known and loved by God. We pray that our worship service will fill you with joy and sustain you throughout the coming week. We hope you will find sanctuary here and continue to fellowship with us each week.

(✠ Rise as you are able)

Praise & Worship

Welcome and Announcements

(Please sign the *Guest Register* so we know you were here)

✠ *Call to Worship:*

One: The Lord is present in this sanctuary,

ALL: Let us praise the Lord.

One: The Lord is present in the people here,

ALL: Let us praise the Lord.

One: The Lord is present with a message of hope,

ALL: Let us praise the Lord!

✠ *Opening Song*

“Not my brother, not my sister” page 87

✠ *Opening Prayer*

✠ *Passing of the Peace*

Today's Affirmation

“I Am Healthy, Wealthy and Whole!”

Imani Choir

WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

Old Testament

Psalm 37:5-6

New Testament

Romans 15:4-6

✠ *Gospel*

John 15: 5-11

This is the Word of God

Thanks be to God

Message

“How to Win Over Stress”

Pastor Wanda

✠ *Hymn of Response*

“Everytime I feel the Spirit” page 9

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING BACK TO GOD

✠ *Prayer of Thanks*

✠ **Offertory Response:** Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow, Praise God all Creatures Here Below. Praise God above ye Heavenly host, Praise Parent, Child and Holy Ghost. AMEN

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER

Prayer Response: Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care, and bids me at my Parent's throne, Make all my wants and wishes known; In seasons of distress and grief, My soul has often found relief, and oft escaped the tempter's snare By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer of Confession: Righteous God, we have all sinned and fallen short of your glory. You would be justified in any judgment you decreed. But it is your nature always to have mercy. Therefore, we are bold enough to come to you, just as we are. We have no excuses and no plea but that Jesus' blood was shed for us. We confess before you and before these, our brothers and sisters, that we have not loved you with all our heart and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For Jesus' sake, grant us pardon and release, time for amendment of life and the sustaining presence of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Communion Song

“Let Us Break Together”

One: Let Us Proclaim the Mystery of Our Faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!

Invitation to Table

(You are invited to come forward for Holy Communion, prayer or to sit quietly)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

✠ **Parting Hymn:** “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine, Leaning on the Everlasting Arm. What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, Leaning on the Everlasting Arm. Leaning. Leaning. Safe and Secure from All Alarms. Leaning. Leaning. Leaning on the Everlasting Arm. What I have to dread, what have I to fear, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms? I have blessed peace with my God so near, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms. Leaning. Leaning. Safe and Secure from All Alarms. Leaning. Leaning. Leaning on the Everlasting Arm”

INFORMATIONAL TIDBITS:

- *Children's Ministry is provided each Sunday*
- *Bathrooms are located out the door to the left*
- *Please refrain from talking during communion.*
If you must talk, talk to God.
- *Prayer and anointing are available during communion.*
- *Please stay to help put the church back together.*

Thought for the Week:

*"Love is a fruit in season at all times, and
within reach of every hand. -- Mother Teresa*

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6:00 PM- 9:00 PM,

Tuesday - Thursday

Weekly Bible Study: Wednesdays – 7:30 pm

MAY

- 28-30 Black Gay Pride in Washington, D.C.
15 Seven week series on healing the pain from our childhood

JUNE

- 6-13 Gay Pride Week in Washington, D.C.
11-13 N.C. Pride Weekend in Greensboro – Pastor Wanda is an MC

JULY

- 4 Fellowship and Fun In Umstead Park
off Hwy. 70

AUGUST

- 15 Bring a Friend Sunday

SEPTEMBER

- 18-19 Rev. Elder Darlene Garner Visits
TBA Church Trip

NOVEMBER

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

- 5 David North and The Gospel Celebration
6 Dinner/Dance at Sheraton, Chapel Hill
7 Worship Celebration

Websites

<http://www.ufmcc.com>

**Whosoever – Online Gay & Lesbian
Christian Newsletter**
www.whosoever.org

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

May 21-23:
Birmingham, Alabama

GENERAL CONFERENCE

July 11-18
West Hollywood, CA

NEEDS LIST:

- Communion LinenWare
- Altar Cloths
- Van
- Cassettes for recording
- Bulletin Board
- Small Table for Welcome Center
- Sound System

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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Jean Satterfield

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Janice Vaughn

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MAY BIRTHDAY

Kelly Dumas	6
Gretchen Schlager	6
Dawn Meyers	7
Wilnette Adkins	11
Samuel Johnson	13
Lori Tyman	14
Ernest Crawford	17
Madria Spivey	17
Kimberly Davis	18
Yolanda Tibbs	18
Diane VandenBroek	21
Carrie Fredere	21
Erica Rousseau	22
Kim Stanley	23
Randolph Lockett	24
Stan Kimer	25
Darnell Renfroe	25
Mike Solomon	30
Frances Watkins	31

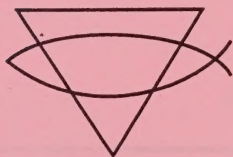
May 9, 1999

Attendance:	54
Offering:	\$1,273.44
Average:	\$23.58
To Date:	\$20,823
Building Fund:	\$1,048

Women's Day Offering

General Fund:	\$65.00
Building Fund:	\$160.00

*Given to Pastor & Spouse
\$160.00*

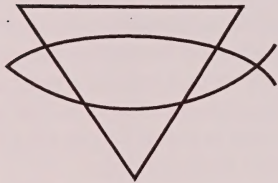


CHOIR SCHEDULE

Practice is every 2nd and 3rd Sunday at
2:00 PM. **EVERYONE IS INVITED TO
COME AND SING!**

MISSION STATEMENT

To bring a diversity of seekers into *Membership* with Christ and the fellowship of Imani MCC by sharing Christ's holistic message; developing all to Christ like *Maturity* through worship, bible study and community *Outreach* in order to *Magnify* God's name and equipping all for *Ministry* in our community and our world.



“(IMANI)...is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

Heb 11:1



WELCOME

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METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF DURHAM

December 24, 2000

4th Sunday of Advent

Rev. Wanda Y. Floyd, Pastor

GATHERING IN PRAISE & UNITY

Praise & Worship

Welcome and Announcements

(Please sign the Guest Register so we know you were here)

✠ *Read Mission Statement (printed on front)*

Lighting of the 4th Advent Candle

✠ *Congregational Song* "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" (insert vs 1 & 3)

✠ *Prayer*

1st Scripture reading Isaiah 9:1-6

Musical Interlude: "For Unto Us A Child Is Born"

2nd Scripture reading Matthew 1:18-23

Musical Interlude: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (insert)

3rd Scripture reading Luke 1:26-45

Musical Interlude: "Mary Did You Know"

Message Rev. Wanda Y. Floyd

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• During the hymn, you are welcome to come •
• forward for personal prayer and anointing •
.....

✠ *Hymn of Response* "Silent Night" pg 63

4th Scripture reading Luke 2:1-7

Musical Interlude: "O Little Town Of Bethlehem" pg 60 vs 1 & 3

5th Scripture reading Luke 2:8-14

Imani Choir Christmas Medley

6th Scripture reading Luke 2:15-20

Musical Interlude: "Away In A Manger" pg 53

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

✠ *Prayer of Thanks*

✠ *Offertory Response:* "Joy to the World" pg 57

Children's Moment

COMMUNICATING WITH GOD

Prayer Response: I will trust in the Lord. I will trust in the Lord. I will trust in the Lord, till I die. I will trust in the Lord. I will trust in the Lord. I will trust in the Lord, until I die.

Special Music "O Holy Night"

Today's Scripture Readings

Isaiah 9:1-6

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For the boots of the trampling warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. Joseph went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn child whom she wrapped in bands of cloth and laid in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night. Then an angel of God stood before them, and the glory of God shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for you see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find the child wrapped in bands of cloth and

lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly hosts, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those with whom God is pleased!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which God has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it has been told them.



"BUY-A-SUNDAY"

December 24, 2000

In Honor of
Pastor Wanda & Sheryl
by
Joan Burnett

Prayer of Confession

God of blessing and love, when the time was right you sent your Son to the world. Teach us the art of patience and give us an understanding of your wisdom. Forgive us for making this holy season of anticipation a whirlwind of lists and activities, a flood of joyless obligations and heartless generosity. Forgive our rush as we forgive those who rush past us. Lead us not into anxiety, but deliver us from pretense. For your kingdom is coming with the power of love and the glory of angelic carols, now and forever, heralded in the birth of Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Communion Song

O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love. Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole. Jesus, O Jesus come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus come and fill your lambs. O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy. Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name. O give him all your tears and sadness, give him all your years of pain, and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. Jesus, O Jesus come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus come and fill your lambs.

Invitation to Table - [Everyone is welcomed at the communion table. You are free to come forward to receive the elements-wafer and grape juice-and a blessing or just the elements or to sit quietly in your seat.]

Please respect those around you and refrain from talking - Thank You

Prayer of Thanksgiving

✠ *Parting Hymn:*

"Amen, Amen"

✠ *Closing Prayer*

BUY - A - SUNDAY

You can sponsor a Sunday's rent which makes this ministry possible, for a minimum of \$50.00 or more in honor or memory of someone you love.

Yes, I would like to Sponsor a Sunday _____ Day of Rent \$50.00 Month of Rent \$200 _____ Other \$ _____

on _____ in honor or memory of _____

for _____

Gift Made by: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Make Checks Payable to Imani MCC and designate for: Buy-A-Sunday

December
Bible Study Topics - Forgiveness
Wednesdays – 7:30 P.M. - Room 8

UPCOMING EVENTS 2000

DECEMBER

31st - Kwanzaa Celebration
31st- New Years Eve Service TBA

GREAT THINGS COMING IN 2001

JANUARY

14th- Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration
28th- Congregational Forum

FEBRUARY

Black History Month

MARCH

Women's History Month

APRIL

Easter and "Month of Miracles" for the Building Fund begins

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December 17, 2000

Attendance:	31
Offering:	\$1,406.92
To Date:	\$89,220.40
Building Fund	\$112.00
To Date:	\$16,275.88
Other:	\$
Needed Weekly to meet budget	
	\$1,830.00

Thanks to all
of you that
shared your
VISION!

9 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL LM with refrain

Latin: c. 12th century
 Stanzas 1-2 trans. John Mison Neale, 1851; alt. 1854
 Stanza 3 trans. Henry Stoebe Collin, 1916

Adapt. Thomas Helmore, 1854
 Accomp. John Weaver, 1988

1. O come, O come, Em - man
2. O come, Thou Day-spring, come
3. O come, De - sire of na

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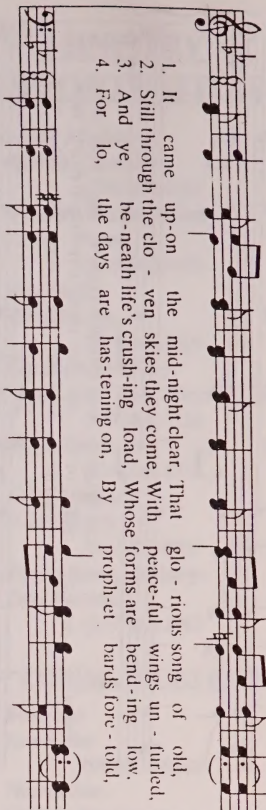
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That mourns in lone - ly ex -
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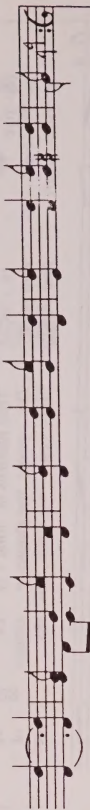
here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear,
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 cease; Fill the whole world with heav - en's peace.

Re-joice! Re-joice!

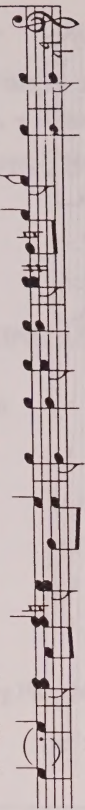
1. It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo-rious song of old,
2. Still through the clo-ven skies they come, With peace-ful wings un-furled,
3. And ye, be-neath life's crush-ing load, Whose forms are bend-ing low,
4. For lo, the days are has-tening on, By proph-et hands fore-told,



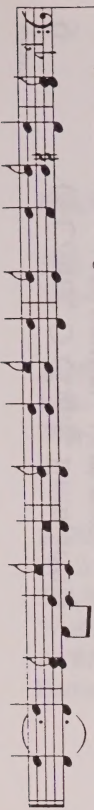
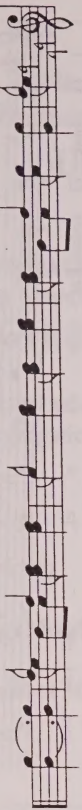
From an-gels bend-ing near the earth, To touch their harps of gold:
And still their heav-en-ly mu-sic floats O'er all the wea-ry world:
Who toil a-long the climb-ing way With pain-ful steps and slow,
When with the ev-er-cir-cling years Comes round the age of gold:



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, From heav-en's all-gra-cious King":
A-bove its sad and low-ly plains They bend on hov-ering wings,
Look now! for glad and gold-en hours Come swift-ly on the wing:
When peace shall o-ver all the earth tis an-cient splen-dors fling.



The world in sol-enn still-ness lay, To hear the an-gels sing.
And ev-er o'er its Ba-bel sounds The bless-ed an-gels sing.
O rest be-side the wea-ry road, And hear the an-gels sing.
And the whole world give back the song Which now the an-gels sing.



WORDS TO MUSICAL INTERLUDE #1

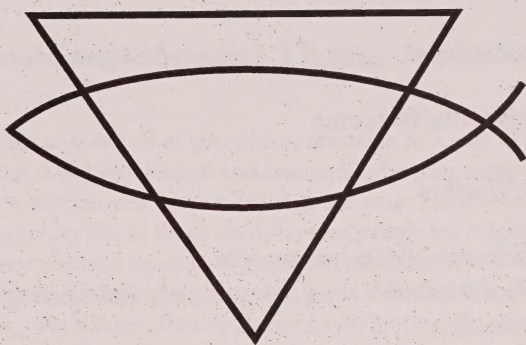
For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given,
And the government shall be
Upon His shoulder;
And His name shall be called
Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God,
The Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

WORDS TO MUSICAL INTERLUDE #2

Mary did you know that your baby boy will one day
Walk on water?/ Mary did you know that your baby boy will save our
sons and daughters?/ Did you know that your baby boy has come
to make you new/ This child that you delivered will soon deliver you?
Mary did you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind
man?/ Mary did you know that your baby boy would calm a storm
with his hand?/ Did you know that your baby boy has walked where
angels trod?/ And when you kiss your little baby you kiss the face
of God?/ Mary did you know?

CHORUS: Did you know that the blind will see/ the deaf will hear/ the
dead will live again/ the lame will leap/ the dumb will speak/ the
praises of our Lamb?/ Mary did you know?
Mary did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation/ Mary
did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nation?/ Did
you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect plan/ and this
sleeping child you're holding is The Great I am?/ Mary did you
know?

IMANI MCC OF DURHAM



*1st Year Anniversary
Sunday
November 15, 1998
3:00 p.m.*

Wanda Y. Floyd, Pastor

IMANI MCC OF DURHAM

Happy Anniversary
Sunday, November 15, 1998
3:00 p.m.

Today marks our 1st Year Anniversary. We welcome you to Imani MCC. You may be new to us, but you are known and loved by God. We pray that our worship service will fill you with joy and sustain you throughout the coming week. We hope you will find sanctuary here and continue to fellowship with us each week.

✠ Rise as you are able

Drum Processional

Summer Mason

Announcements/Welcome

✠ Call To Worship

One: Welcome home, welcome in.

All: Here we find a song for our souls and healing for our wounds.

One: Welcome home.

All: Here find children's laughter that chases dark clouds away, and quiet prayers that lead us to still waters and green pastures.

One: Welcome to this holy space.

All: Here there are friends with a tender embrace, and here there are words that heal brokenness and reveal God's grace.

One: Welcome home. God has been expecting you. The candles are lit, and the door is open.

All: Welcome to this festival of renewal and hope.

Congregational Song

Invocation

Pastor Wanda Floyd

Imani Choir

Church History
Pastoral Remarks

Pastor Wanda Floyd

Solo

Thomas VanHook

✠Passing of the Peace

Today's Affirmation
"We've Come This Far By Faith!"

WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Habakkuk 2:1-4

New Testament Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

✠Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

Reader: This is the Word of God.

Response: Thanks Be to God.

Solo

Randa McNamara

Theme Narrative

Marilyn Bowens

Imani Choir

Sermon "The Vision...It Is So!"

Pastor Wanda Floyd

✠Congregational Song

WORSHIP THROUGH OFFERING

Offertory Song

Allen Mosley

✠Prayer of Thanks

✠*Offertory Response:* Praise God from Whom All Blessings
Flow, Praise God all Creatures Here Below. Praise God above
ye Heavenly host, Praise Parent, Child and Holy Ghost.
AMEN.

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER

Prayer Response: Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
that calls me from a world of care, and bids me at my Parent's
throne, Make all my wants and wishes known; In seasons of
distress and grief, my soul has often found relief, and oft
escaped the tempter's snare, By thy return, sweet hour
of prayer.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer of Confession: Holy God, to whose service we dedicate our souls and lives, we grieve and lament before you that we are still so prone to sin and so little inclined to obedience. So fond of idleness, So soon at play, So late at prayer. So brisk in the service of self, So slack in the service of others. So eager to get, So reluctant to give, So lofty in our profession, So lowly in our practice. So weak in adversity, So swollen and self-satisfied in prosperity. Forgive us, merciful God, that we may become one with you in obedience to your will. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Communion Song "Let Us Break Bread Together" p 95

One: Let Us Proclaim the Mystery of Our Faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!

Invitation to Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

✠Parting Hymn

"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine, Leaning on the Everlasting Arm. What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, Leaning on the Everlasting Arm. Leaning, Leaning. Safe and Secure from ALL Alarms. Leaning, Leaning. Leaning on the Everlasting Arm. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms? I have blessed peace with my God so near, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms. Leaning, Leaning. Safe and Secure from ALL Alarms. Leaning, Leaning. Leaning on the Everlasting Arm."

Final Remarks

Drum Recessional

Summer Mason

Thought For The Week:
God Has Not Forsaken You!

Calendar

November 20-22 – District Conference in Charleston, South Carolina.

From five states, we will descend upon Charleston, SC for our district conference, Nov. 20-23. Here is your chance to meet people from NC, SC, GA, MS, AL, and TN and network together. Registration is \$40.00 a person and scholarships will be available for those in need. Let's have a wonderful showing for this conference. Let Briggette McKnight know if you are going. As of today we have 26 going. Will you be counted among us, too?

December 8 – Delores Berry in Concert.

Rev. Delores Berry will be making her stop on Tues.. December 8th. If you missed her last year, don't miss her this year. This woman is truly anointed by God.

Special Thanks . . .

I would like to thank all of you who continue to be a part of the ministry of this church. I feel very blessed and honored to be your pastor and look forward to another year as we work together to do God's work in this area. I would especially like to thank the following people for helping make this anniversary weekend possible: QT and her daughter, Njeri, and Jean Lucas for coordinating bowling night and to Paula Obie and Charlotte Green for providing refreshments. Bonnie Rousseau for getting our guest speaker for the dinner, and T-n-T Productions for providing the music. For all the wonderful musicians and singers who blessed us with their gifts of music and song. I also like to thank Sharon Lindenbaum, our District Liaison, for being with us today. Whenever you do a major event such as an anniversary, there are a lot of people who assist in big and small ways. My apologies to anyone that I left out, but I must thank Marilyn Bowens for coordinating a wonderful weekend!

Pastor Wanda Y. Floyd

Helpful Psalms

When you feel . . .

Afraid: 3,4,46

Alone: 10,12,13

Tense: 4

When you facing . . .

Doubts: 34,37

Enemies: 25,35,41

Sorrow: 23,24

When you want . . .

Guidance: 1,5,15

Protection: 3,4,7

Wisdom: 1,16,19

Birthdays for November

Angle Nevarez	2
Marrus Pettiford	3
Mabel Robinson	5
Florence Vickers	6
Rodney Hunter	7
Rod Harper	8
Thomas VanHook	8
Keisha Pilgrim	10
Anna Pilgrim	10
Carlton Rutherford	10
Ken Tinnin	15
Martha Mitchell	11
Rhonda Mills	16
Mary Weathers	17
Becky Starnes	19
Amy Goude	20
Liza Garmon	20
Karen Hillard	20
James Obie	22
Elizabeth Goacher	23
Beth Page	29
Beverly Nobles	29
Thomas Gibbs	30

Happy Birthday!!!

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Want to sing in the choir?

Paula Obie: (919) 655-1345

Hospitality:

Brigette McKnight: (919) 790-5881

Worship Participation:

Amy Goude: (336) 562-3369

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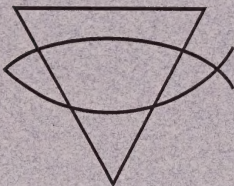
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

TUESDAY-THURSDAY

*Imani
Metropolitan
Community Church
of Durham*



*“Where God is making a
difference each and every day!”*

Sunday Worship Service

4907 Garrett Road (ERUUF)
Durham, North Carolina
3:00 PM

Wednesday Night Bible Study

7:30 PM - 9 PM

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WWJD

Who Loves You Most?

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that whosoever believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

What separates us from God?

Romans 3:23, 6:23

3:23 - *"...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..."*

6:23- *"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

Jesus is the only way.

John 14:6

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to God except through me.'"

**Do you want to accept
Jesus now?**

John 1:12

"But to all who recieved Christ, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God"

PRAYER OF SALVATION

Dear God, I've been living my life my own way. Now I want to live it Your Way. I need You and I am now willing for You to take control of my life. I receive your Son, Jesus Christ, as my personal Saviour. I believe He died for my sins and has risen from the dead. I surrender to Him as Lord. Come, Jesus Christ, and occupy the throne of my life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be.
In Christ name, AMEN.

*And always remember that "no matter what"
God created You and Loves You as You Are!*

Pastor Wanda

Church Growth/Ministry

- Slaughter, Michael - *Out on The Edge: A Wake-Up Call for Church Leaders on the Edge of the Media Reformation*, Abingdon Press, ISBN 0-687-05453-2
- Southerland, Dan - *Transitioning: Leading Your Church Through Change*, Serendipity House, ISBN 1-57494-135-6
- Warren, Rick - *The Purpose Driven Church: Growth Without Compromising Your Message & Mission*, Zondervan Publishing House, ISBN 0-310-20813-0

Visioning

- Barna, George - *Turning Vision into Action*, Regal Books, ISBN 0-8307-1866-4
- Barna, George - *The Power of Vision*, Regal Books, ISBN 0-8307-1601-7
- Malphus, Aubrey - *Developing a Vision for Ministry in the 21st Ministry*, Baker Book House, Co., ISBN 0-8010-9087-3

Leadership

- Maxwell, John - *The 21 Most Powerful Minutes in a Leader's Day*, Thomas Nelson Publishers, ISBN 0-7852-7432-4
- - *The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership*, Thomas Nelson Publishers, ISBN 0-7852-7431-6
- - *The Success Journey: The Process of Living Your Dreams*, Thomas Nelson Publishers, ISBN 0-7852-7429-4
- - *The 21 Indispensable Qualities of a Leader: Becoming the Person Others Will Want to Follow*, Thomas Nelson Publishers, ISBN 0-7852-7440-5

Stewardship

- Smith, J. Owens - *The Power of Tithing: The Tither is the Greatest Benefactor*, Golden Star Publications, ISBN 0-9639442-0-7

Prayer

- Maxwell, John - *Partners in Prayer*, Thomas Nelson Publishers, ISBN 0-7852-7439-1

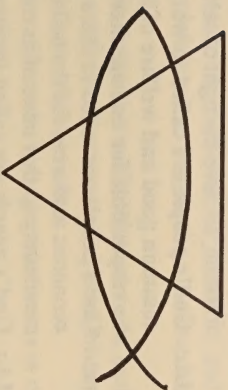
Pastoral Helps

- Cameron, Julia - *God is No Laughing Matter: Observations and Objections on the Spiritual Path*, Jeremy P. Tarcher, ISBN 1-58542-065-4
- Hightower, Jr., James - *No One Told Me: An Honest Look at Ministry*, Smyth & Helwys, ISBN 1-57312-153-3
- Johnson, Spencer - *Who Moved My Cheese?* G.P. Putnam's Sons, ISBN 0-399-14446-3
- McInstosh, Gary - *One Size Doesn't Fit All: Bringing Out the Best in Any Size Church*, Revell (Baker Book House Co.), ISBN 0-8007-5699-1
- Steinbron, Melvin - *The Lay Driven Church: How to Empower the People in Your Church to Share the Tasks of Ministry*, Regal Books, ISBN 0-8307-1928-8
- Wagner, E. Glenn - *Escape from Church, Inc.: The Return of the Pastor-Shepherd*, Zondervan Publishing House, ISBN 0-310-22888-3

Magazines that I have found useful:

- REV.: Practical Ideas for Redefining Ministry - www.Rev-Magazine.com
- Discipleship Journal: Helping You Grow in Christ - www.disciplejournal.com
- PRAY! - www.praymag.com

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"Thought for the Week"
"There is no pit so deep that Jesus is not
deeper still"

Corrie Ten Boom

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December 28, 1997
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HAPPY KWANZAA

We welcome you to Imani MCC. You may be new to us, but you are known and loved by God. We pray that our worship service will fill you with joy and sustain you throughout the coming week. We hope you will find sanctuary here and continue to fellowship with us each week.

✚ Rise as you are able

Welcome and Announcements
Time of Meditation and Preparation for Worship

✚ Call to Worship: Deuteronomy 26: 10-11

One: God says to us: "And now bring the first fruits that God has given."

ALL: Let us place the basket of harvest before the Creator, our God, and bow down before our God.

One: We shall enjoy, together with the Levite and the stranger in our midst,

ALL: All the bounty that God has bestowed upon us and our household.

✚ *Hymn of Praise*

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 65: 17-19

Lead: *As we celebrate the festival of Kwanzaa, we recall the seven principles which form the basis of this celebration.*

One: We light the candle of *Umoja* to symbolize the unity of all peoples.

ALL: May God be with us in unity and peace.

One: We light the candle of *Kujichagulia* to symbolize our right to determine our community's destiny and future.

ALL: **May God be with us in the struggle for self-determination.**

One: We light the candle of *Ujima* to show the need for our community to work together and to be responsible for one another.

ALL: **May God be with us in the struggle of collective work and communal responsibility.**

One: We light the candle of *Ujamaa* to show the need for our community to improve its economic situation by cooperating with one another.

ALL: **May God be with us as we develop a community based on cooperative economic development.**

One: We light the candle of *Nia* to show our community's resolve--its purpose--to make our people stronger.

ALL: **May God be with us as we go forward with one purpose, to continue the struggle to be truly free.**

One: We light the candle of *Kuumba* to symbolize the creative spirit of all our peoples.

ALL: **May God be the light of our lives**

One: We light the candle of *Imani* to show our faith in God and our faith in ourselves.

ALL: **May God be with us and strengthen us so that we may continue the struggle for liberation.**

One: Let us rejoice in the richness of our cultures and traditions before our Creator!

Lead: Let us all pull together!

New Testament Reading: Acts 4: 32-35
Gospel Reading: Luke 4: 16-19

Reader: **This is the Word of God**
 ALL: Thanks be to God.

† *Hymn:* "We Will Understand it Better By and By"

† *Litany for Kwanzaa:*

One: Let us recall the seven principles upon which this festival of *Kwanzaa* is based.

ALL: **Let us be joyful and raise up the beauty of our peoples.**

One: What is the news?

ALL: **There is good news! God's people are many yet all are called to dwell together in unity.**

One: God's people are called to seek their fullness in freedom; to have the right of self-determination.

ALL: **God's people are called to work together for the common good and welfare of the community and to be responsible for one another.**

One: God's people are called to share together their economic resources for the building up of the community so that none of its members will be in need.

ALL: **God's people are called together to make our goal the building and developing of our community in order to make our people stronger.**

One: God's people are called to do as much as they can to make the community a better place, more beautiful, and better than we found it.

ALL: **There is good news! God's people are a people bound together in faith. We are called to service, to believe with all our hearts in our community and to strive for the good of all people.**

Sermon:

Kwanzaa -- A Way Of Life

Prayers and Praises of the People

Libation Ceremony: *A time of remembrance. It is believed that by calling out the names of our Ancestors, it is our way of thanking them. During this ceremony, we invite you to call out the names of your parents, grandparents, and others in your family.*

One: Our ancestors came here, lived, loved, struggled and built here. At this place, their love and labor rose like the sun and gave strength and meaning to the day. For them, then, who gave so much, we give in return. On this same soil, we will sow our seeds, and build and move in unity and strength. Here, too, we will continue their struggle for liberation and a higher level of human life. May our eyes be the eagle, our strength be the elephant, and the boldness of our life be like the lion. And may we remember and honor our ancestors and the legacy they left for us as long as the sun shines and the waters flow.

ALL: For our people everywhere. For those known and unknown who defended our ancestral land, history, and humanity from alien invaders.

One: Let us remember those who have gone before us in the struggle for freedom.

ALL: For Marcus Garvey, Malcolm X, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; for Harriet Tubman, Fannie Lou Hamer, Sojourner Truth, and Mary McLeod Bethune; for Nat Turner, Frederick Douglass, W.E.B. duBois; for Audre Lorde, Zora Neale Hurston, Ida B. Wells, and all the others who dared to define, defend and develop our interests as a people.

One: For the children and the fuller and freer lives they will live because we continue the struggle.

ALL: For our struggle and in remembrance of those who have struggled on our behalf.

One: Let us remember all those dear to us, who are at rest.

Feel free to call the names of those that you want to remember as the water is poured in the direction of the four winds i.e. north, south, east, and west.

ALL: God be with us in the struggle to build a new world and for the continuing struggle through which we will inevitably rescue and reconstruct our history and humanity in our own image and according to our own needs.

One: For Umoja the principle of unity which should guide us in all that we do.

ALL: For the Creator who provides all things great and small.

Passing of the Peace:

"Harambee! Let us Work Together! Harambee!"

Worship through our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanks

✠ *Offertory Response:* Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow, Praise God all Creatures Here Below. Praise God above ye Heavenly host, Praise Parent, Child and Holy Ghost. AMEN

Celebration of Holy Communion

Communion Hymn:

"Just As I Am"

Prayer of Confession: Holy God, in your presence you tolerate nothing sinful, yet through the blood of Jesus you make it possible to cleanse ourselves of sin and share the joy of your household. We come to you now in search of the mercy won for us on the cross. We have failed to love you with all our hearts, all our souls, all our minds, all our strength. It is clear, even to us, that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In the silent chambers of our hearts, we confess those sins that trouble us most. For Jesus' sake, grant us pardon, and release us from our bondage to sin. Grant us time for amendment of life, and the testimony of a conscience free from guilt. As we receive forgiveness from you, make us quick to reconcile with those who ask forgiveness from us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Words of Institution
Prayer of Consecration
Invitation to the Table
Sharing of Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

✠ Farewell Statement:

One: Let us continue to strive for dedication and achievement in all we do.

ALL: Dare to struggle and to sacrifice and to gain the strength that comes from this. Build where we are and dare to have a legacy that will last as long as the sun shines and the waters flow.

One: Practice daily the seven principles of the *Nguzo Saba*: unity, self-determination; collective work and responsibility; cooperative economics; purpose; creativity; and faith. And may the wisdom of our ancestors always walk with us.

ALL: May the year's end meet us laughing and stronger. May children honor us by following our example in love and struggle. And at the end of next year, may we sit again together, in larger numbers, with greater achievement and closer to liberation and a higher level of human life.

✠ Hymn of Dedication:

"We Shall Overcome"

✠ Benediction

Thank You

Elizabeth Hicks for playing last Sunday. **Brigette McKnight** for setting up hospitality. **Diedra Dockery** and **Francis Watkins** and others for bringing items for hospitality. For **St. John's MCC** in Raleigh, NC for a contribution given on behalf of Pastor Wanda, their previous Associate Pastor of four years. For those that help to make this service possible each week - **YOU!**

Kwanzaa Principle #6

Kuumba means Creativity. As African American people we should do as much as we can, in our unique way, to make our homes and communities more successful and beautiful.

Kwanzaa Principle #7

Imani means Faith. We strive to believe with all our hearts in the worth of African Americans. We believe in the struggle and victory of our people.

Upcoming Dates

January 10 - Membership Class - 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.
January 11 - Congregational Forum after Church
January 18 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday. First church potluck after service.

**Reminder - 1st Sunday of each month - Pastor's Offering*

Attendance: Dec. 21 - 48

Offering: \$1,410.00

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Just as I Am

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Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871

Moderately
Choir or Trio

WOODWORTH
William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868
Arr. by J. Jefferson Cleveland, 1937-

O Lamb of God, just as I am, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Solo, Quarter, Chord or Congregation

1. Just as I am, with-out one plea, But that Thy
2. Just as I am, tho' tossed a-bout With man-y a

blood was shed for me, And that Thou bidst me come to
con-flict, man-y a doubt, Fight-ings and fears with-in, with-

There, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

There, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

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We Shall Overcome

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Traditional

Harm. by J. Jefferson Cleveland, 1937-

1. We shall o-ver-come,— We shall o-ver-come,—

We shall o-ver-come some-day,— Oh,—

We shall o-ver-come some-day,— Oh,—

If in our hearts we do be-lieve, We shall o-ver-come some-day,—

2. — We'll walk hand in hand...
3. — We shall all have peace...
4. — We are not afraid...
5. — God is on our side...

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Isaiah 65: 17-19

17 For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.

19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.

Acts 3: 32-35

32 Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.

33 With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold.

35 They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Luke 4: 16-19

16 When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read,

17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because God has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. God has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,

19 to proclaim the year of the God's favor."

Lift Every Voice and Sing

James Weldon Johnson, 1871 - 1938

J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873 - 1954

1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring.
2. Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chast - 'ning rod.
3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty;
 Felt in the days when hope un - born had the way;
 Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

Let our re - joic - ing rise, high as the lis - 'ning skies,
 Yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet,
 Thou who hast by thy might, led us in - to the light,

Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 Come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed?
 Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered,
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met Thee,

Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
 We have come, tread - ing our path thro' the blood of the slaugh - tered;
 Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get Thee;

ff Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
 Out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
 Shad - owed be - neath Thy hand, May we for - ev - er stand,

Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast,
 True to our God, true to our na - tion, true to our land.

55 We'll Understand It Better By and By

Charles Albert Tindley, 1851-1933
Arr. by F. A. Clark

C. A. T.

1. We are of - ten tossed and driv'n on the rest - less sea of time,
2. We are of - ten des - ti - tute of the things that life de - mands,
3. Tri - als dark on ev - 'ry hand, and we can - not un - der - stand,
4. Temp - ta - tions, hid - den snares of - ten take us un - a - wares,

Som - ber skies and howl - ing tem - pests oft suc - ceed a bright sun - shine,
Want of food and want of shel - ter, thirst - y hills and bar - ren lands,
All the ways that God would lead us to that bless - ed Prom - ised Land;
And our hearts are made to bleed for many a thought - less word or deed,

In that land of per - fect day, when the mists have rolled a - way,
We are trust - ing in the Lord, and ac - cord - ing to e - d's word,
But He guides us with His eye** and we'll fol - low till we die,
And we won - der why the test when we try to do our best.

**"God's" may be substituted for "His."

***We are guided by God's eye" may be substituted for "But He guides us with His eye."

D.S.— how we've o - ver - come:

We will un - der - stand it bet - ter by and by. (by and by.)
For we'll un - der - stand it bet - ter by and by. (by and by.)

Refrain

By and by when the morn - ing comes, When the saints of

God are gath - ered home, We'll tell the sto - ry

D.S.

Resources

Lesbian, Transgender, Bisexual, and Gay local & national resources

Updated by BGLA of NCSU, January 2000

This resource page is intended to be useful for the students, faculty and staff of NCSU, for members of BGLA and for the community at-large in the Triangle area. It is by no means a complete resource guide. For an excellent state-wide resource list, visit the on-line [Front Page](#).

If we've left off your group or you wish to offer suggestions and comments, please email at [BGLA](#).

Flash

You may have heard the news that homophobic radio host "Dr. Laura" is about to get her own T.V. show -- There is a campaign to stop this from happening. . . visit: <http://www.StopDrLaura.com>

Support & Educational

- **Gay and Lesbian Helpline of Wake County:** Provides information, referrals, and peer counseling every night from 7 to 10 PM. Also conducts community outreach to increase awareness of lesbians and gays. The Helpline number is 821-0055.
P.O. Box 36207
Raleigh, NC 27606-6207
- **Hopeline:** 24 hour helpline and crisis line set up by the United Way. 828-4300.
- **National Suicide Hotline:** 1 (888) 784-2433
- **P-FLAG: Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.** Offers support to families of G/L/B/T persons. Also has many informational books and pamphlets available about coming out to family. Raleigh/Cary call: 380-9325; in Chapel Hill/Carrboro/Durham call: 929-0192; P-FLAG [National](#)

Specific Populations: Support and Resources

Youth

Local:

- **NC Lambda Youth Network:** Providing leadership for LBGT and allied youth, including organizing skills and community service. (13-24 yo): 115 Market Street, Durham, NC 27701, (919) 683-3037, email: nclambda@aol.com website: [NC Lambda](#)

Rainbow Youth Coalition (RYC) is a Collaboration between NCLYN and GLSEN Triangle.

National/Internet:

- **Youth Resource:** [list of Support Groups](#)
- [YR: Youth Resource](#)
- [! Out Proud !](#)

- [The Cool Page for Queer Teens](#)

People of Color, Allies and Friends

- [BLK Homie \(Black People In The Life\)](#)
- [Men of all Colors Together \(Greensboro/Triad\)](#)
- [The Blackstripe](#)
- [Asians and Friends of North Carolina](#), Contact Michael at: arichea@earthlink.net

BI People

- **TRIANGLE BISEXUAL NETWORK** Call our voice mail at 406-7555 for more information or to reach a contact person.
- **Bisexual Women's Support:** 933-0485
- [Bisexual Hell](#)
- [Bisexual Options website](#)
- [Bisexual Resource Center](#)

Transgender

North Carolina

- **It's Time-North Carolina (IT-NC):** organization to monitor legislation concerning the Transgender Community and participate with GLB groups to foster new legislation to benefit all GLBT people. Contact: Angela Brightfeather, email: ITNC2000@AOL.com Snail Mail: 1128 Millhous Dr., Cary, NC 27513, Phone: (919)677-8992
- **Circle of Children:** Providing social, psychological, spiritual, and emotional support to all exploring alternative gender roles. Address: Rt 5 Box 564, Zebulon, NC 27597 Phone: 919-269-8698
- **Sigma Rho Delta Tri-Ess:** support for heterosexual crossdressers and their partners). Mailing address: PO Box 90141, Raleigh, NC 27675-0141 USA. Web: <http://www.geocities.com/SigmaRhoDelta/>. EMail: sigmarhodelta@yahoo.com
- **Kappa Beta, Tri-Ess:** support for heterosexual crossdressers and their partners. Mailing address: PO Box 12101, Charlotte, NC 28220-2101 USA, Phone: 704-565-5034. Web address: <http://www.kappabeta.org> EMail: infolady@kappabeta.org
- **Phoenix:** Transgender Support. Mail Address: PO Box 18332, Asheville, NC 28814 USA. Phone: 828-669-3889. Web address: <http://members.aol.com/jessicaash/phoenixtgs.html>
- **Triad Gender Association** Mailing address: PO Box 2264, Jamestown, NC 27282-2264 USA. Phone: (336)454-1493. Web address: <http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/Cafe/9577/>. EMail: mailto:drew724u@bellsouth.net

Internet & National

- [Transgender Support Site](#)
- [Transgender Splendor](#)
- [Transgender Forum](#)
- [International Transgender Online Magazine](#)

Addiction

- **Triangle Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous:** 286-9499
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Health/Educational

- **Triangle Community Works!** : A Center for the LBGT and allied community. TCW! is a center to serve the lesbian/gay community and its supporters in Raleigh and surrounding areas. Email: TriangleCW@aol.com
 - **Lesbian Health Resource Center** : Located in Durham for Mental and Emotional Health resources and information.
 - **Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN Triangle):** Teaching Respect for All in our Schools. Education and support for LBGT and allies involved in the education environment -- but you don't have to be a teacher to belong!!! Phones; 688-2404 or 834-7909, email: GLSENTriangle@aol.com
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AIDS Issues

- **HIV Testing:** Free and anonymous at Wake County Health Department. No appointment necessary. Clinic E. Call for walk-in testing times, 250-4400. The AIDS Services Project: 286-7475
(the 2 groups are run by the same people out of the same offices, but have various reasons for keeping separate). The address for the groups is PO Box 3203, Durham NC, 27715-3203. TASP is currently looking for volunteers to receive training to be buddies to people with AIDS -- please give them a call if you're interested.
 - **National AIDS Hotline:** 24 hour AIDS information. 1-800-342-2437.
 - **Triangle AIDS Interfaith Network:** Ministry organization for those affected by HIV/AIDS. Serves as a resource for church based AIDS care teams. Call 828-3121.
 - **Wake County AIDS Service Agency:** Services for those affected by HIV/AIDS. Also, volunteer opportunities and educational programs available. Call 834-2437.
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NC Campus Resources

- **Queer Network for Change -- UNC**
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 - **CAMP** Carolina Alternative Meetings of Professional and Graduate Students -- UNC
 - **Duke University Center for LBGT Life**
 - **Appalachian State University**
 - **East Carolina**
 - **NC State : BGLA** (Bisexuals, Gays, Lesbians & Allies) of NCSU: PO Box 7314-NCSU, Raleigh, NC 27695 Lee at lrin101@msn.com or bgl@ncsu.edu and/or for student Support Group, email Mark mazumbac@unity.ncsu.edu
 - **NC Central Univ.:** Brothers & Sisters of NCCU: 688-7407
 - **Meredith College:** contact campus Counseling Center at 829-8427
 - **Durham Tech** : Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Society of DTCC: (919) 686-3444
 - **Triangle Social Network** (LGBT College Students' Social Group)
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Religious

- Gay/Lesbian Bible study with: [Journeys](#)
- **Pullen Memorial Baptist Church:** Inclusive community welcoming to gay, lesbian and bisexual persons and couples. Located on Hillsborough Street four blocks east of belltower. Call for service times, 828-0897.
- **St. John's Metropolitan Community Church:** Inclusive church community primarily gay, lesbian and bisexual persons. Two Sunday services. Call for times, 834-2611.
- **North Raleigh United Church (UCC):** A new (3-28-99) and inclusive congregation that is thoughtful and progressive, welcoming folks of all genders, ages, races, sexual orientations, economic classes and abilities. Meeting at Durant Road Middle School, 10401 Durant Road. Sunday service at 11:00 a.m. For more information or to be added to the mailing list, call Doug Long at 841-6661 or e-mail ddjjlong@interpath.com
- **St. John's Metropolitan Community Church** (Predominantly Lesbian and Gay Denomination) : 805 Glenwood Ave, Raleigh 834-2611
- **Imani Metropolitan Community Church:** 4907 Garret Rd, Durham. 403-6881
- **Church of the Reconciliation** (Gay-Friendly, Chapel Hill) 929-2127
- **Queer Jews and Friends** : 286-7801
- **Lutherans Concerned/Triangle** : 387-0824
- **Binkley Baptist Church** (Gay-Friendly, Chapel Hill) 942-4964
- **Eno River Unitarian** (Durham) 489-2575
- **Pullen Baptist Church** (Gay-Friendly, Raleigh) 828-0897
- **St. Mark's Episcopal Church:** New Hope Rd, off US 64, east Raleigh.
- **Unitarian Church of Raleigh** 781-7635
- **Unity Center of Peace Church** (Non-Denominational, Gay-affirming church) 5322 Hwy.86, Chapel Hill 968-1854
- **Community Unitarian Church** (Chapel Hill) 967-6027
- **Durham Friends Meeting** 286-4958
- **Triangle Queer Buddhists:** jamshark@iname.com

Social and Group Specific Activities:

Delta Lambda Phi - America's first queer male (bisexual men, gay men, and progressive men) social fraternity. We are still welcoming anyone interested in joining our fraternity to come to any of our social and pledge events. Anyone who wants more information should email: Marshall Smith jmsmith2@eos.ncsu.edu.

- **Triangle Gamers** (Gay/Lesbian board-game/card players)
- **The Triangle Chorus** (the openly GAY/LESBIAN/BI/FRIENDS CHORUS)
contact: stuarttw@email.unc.edu
- **NC Pride Marching Band** : 286-5123
- **Triangle LGBT Business & Professional Guild:** 831-8609 or trianguild@aol.com
- **Triangle Gay Scientists:** 929-4997
- **Triangle Sports** (LGB Athletics): PO Box 6564, Raleigh, NC 27628
- **Rainbow Bowling League** : 832-3747
- **Kings & Queens Bowling League:** 776-2999
- **Cedar Chest** (African-American Lesbians) : 790-5881
- **Men of all Colours Together Triangle:** 490-0653
- **Triangle Art & Company:** 687-6913
- **Raleighwood Squares** (Square Dancers) : 779-2336
- **Simply Fabulous Bridge Club** : 782-4564
- **Triangle Frontrunners/walkers** : 929-4567
- **Triangle Gay Men's Chorus** : 990-1318
- **Triangle Bisexual Network:** 856-8370

- **Gay/Lesbian/Bi Journalist's Association:** 859-4889
 - **Wilderness Network of the Carolinas:** 819-3570
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Special Events and Festivals:

- Out Charlotte (October)
 - North Carolina Gay & Lesbian Film Festival (August)-- Watch the Carolina Theatre website for news.
 - NC Pride 2000 (June)-- contact Mandy at:MandyC1999@aol.com
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Magazines & Newspapers

local:

- **Front Page** (Free Local Newspaper for the Gay & Lesbian community -- excellent on-line calendar for upcoming events) PO Box 27928, Raleigh, NC 27611 FRNTPAGE@AOL.COM
- The Independent (Free Local mostly-Liberal Newsweekly -- hosts a monthly Lesbain/Gay Singles party): PO Box 2690, Durham, NC 27715-2690

National:

- The Advocate
- The Washington Blade (DC area, but a good source of National news)
- Girlfriends
- Genre

Gay & Lesbian internet news sources:

- Planet Out
- Data Lounge
- Gayweb.com
- Gay Today

Zines and miscellanouse queer resources

- Queer Nasty
 - Blair
 - Adult Children of Heterosexuals
 - Queer Resources Directory
 - The Other Queer Page
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Political and Advocacy

Local

- Equality NC PAC (Statewide Gay Political Organization): email: ncpridepac@aol.com, Phone: 919/829-0343.

- **Equality Wake County:** 834-7907 email: equalitywakecounty@usa.net
- **Lesbian & Gay Democrats:** 929-4053

National/Internet

- Gay, lesbian and bisexual Political Resources (Gayscape)
- Human Rights Campaign
- National Gay and Lesbian Task Force
- Victory Fund
- GLAAD
- Partners Task Force for Gay & Lesbian Couples

Legal

Local

- NC GALA : 929-4984
- NC ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union): 834-3466

National

- Lambda Legal
- ACLU

Triangle Area Businesses and Cool Places to shop and/or hang-out:

(Some are Gay-owned AND others are Gay-friendly)

Books/Music/Art & Other Stuff

- White Rabbit Books and Things : (LesBiGayTrans Book and Gift Shop): 309 W. Martin Street, downtown Raleigh
- Internationalist Books: (Progressive Bookshop): 405 W. Franklin St, Chapel Hill
- Regulator Bookshop & Java Cafe' (Neighborhood bookshop with good-sized gay section): 720 Ninth St, Durham
- Ladyslipper Music: 3205 Hillsborough Rd. (Bus US 70), Durham
- Mr. Lady Records & Video (Lesbian-run record label): PO Box 3189, Durham, 27715
- Lump Art Gallery: Lump is an art gallery in downtown Raleigh, that throws a kick-ass art opening and party every first Friday of the month (except in January).
- Innovations - Leather Wear - Hillsborough St, Raleigh. 833-4833

Nightclubs/Dancing/Bars

- **Visions:** Lesbian Club: 711 Rigsbee Ave, Durham
- **FLEX** Nightclub : 2 S West St, Raleigh
- **Legend's** Nightclub : 330 W. Hargett St, Raleigh
- **CC** Nightclub: 313 W. Hargett St, Raleigh
- **Boxer's**: US 15-501, 5504 Chapel Hill Blvd., at Chapel Hill/Durham border
- **The BackDoor** (lesbian on Saturdays - mixed gay on Fridays): 4801 Leigh Drive (off of Signet), North Raleigh
- **Insomnia** new GLBT Dance Club in Chapel Hill. Housed in Gotham, on Rosemary Street. Each

week, a Portion of Proceeds are donated to a local LBGT organization. Call 919-967-2852 for directions, etc.

Restaurants/Coffee Houses/Food Stuff

- The Third Place (coffee & food -- vegetarian options): Glenwood Ave (US 70), Five Points next to Hayes Barton Drug Store, Raleigh
 - Francesca's (dessert & coffee cafe): 706 Ninth Street (Bus US 70), Durham
 - Lilly's Pizza: Glenwood Ave (US 70), Five Points, Raleigh (between Third Place and Wachovia Bank)
 - J & L's Bar & Grill: 2627 Hillsborough Rd (Bus US 70) at Trent Rd, Durham
 - Hummingbird Cafe & Espresso Bar: 133 W. Franklin St/University Mall, Chapel Hill
 - Ratskeller (lunch and dinner - many vegetarian options): accross from NCSU on Hillsborough street Raleigh
 - Cafe Trio: 201 E. Franklin St, Chapel Hill (across from UNC)
 - Vertigo Diner: McDowell St (US 401-70), downtown Raleigh
 - Irregardless Cafe (many vegetarian options): W. Morgan St, Raleigh
 - Wellspring Grocery and the Raleigh Cafe: Ridgewood Shopping Center, Raleigh
 - Wellspring Grocery and the Eno Cafe: Broad Street/Main Street Intersection, Durham
 - Wellspring Grocery and the Penguins Cafeteria: Village Plaza, Chapel Hill
 - Cosmic Cantina (Mexican food): 1920 Perry St., off Ninth Street, Durham (near Brueger's Bagels).
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Just For Fun!!!

- Play:Lesbian or German Lady
 - Play:Gay or Euro-Trash
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It's In the Valley I Grow

Sometimes life seems hard to bear,
Full of sorrow, trouble and woe
It's then I have to remember
That it's in the valley I grow.

If I always stayed on the mountain top
And never experienced pain,
I would never appreciate God's love
And would be living in vain.

I have so much to learn
And my growth is very slow,
Sometimes I need the mountain tops,
But it's in the valleys I grow.

I do not always understand
Why things happen as they do,
But I am very sure of one thing.
My Lord will see me through.

My little valleys are nothing
When I picture Christ on the cross
He went through the valley of death;
His victory was Satan's loss.

Forgive me Lord, for complaining
When I'm feeling so very low.
Just give me a gentle reminder
That it's in the valley I grow.

Continue to strengthen me, Lord
And use my life each day
To share your love with others
And help them find their way.

Thank you for valleys, Lord
For this one thing I know
The mountain tops are glorious
But it's in the valleys I grow!

-- Anonymous Author

"Maintaining Excellence in a World of Glitz"

Imani MCC of Durham, Women's Weekend 2000

Workshop Agenda

Session One 10:35-11:30

No Pressure: Staying in Touch in a Stressful World

Room 9

Summer Mason

Fit, Fine & Faithful

Room 6

Lesbian Resource Health Center

Session Two 11:35-12:30

Here I Am Lord

Room 11

Rev. Wanda Floyd

The Motivating Force

Room 10

Ariane Vinson & Robin Spivey

♥ BRUNCH (Commons Building)

Session Three 1:35-2:30

Family Matters

Room 11

Children Home Society of NC & Frank Adoption Agency

Mechanics 101

Room 6

John & Joan Burnett

Session Four 2:35-3:30

Show Me The Money

Room 10

Melissa Exum

Xena 101

Room 9

Durham Sheriff Department- Defense Tactic Division

Evaluation

Maintaining Excellence in a World of Glitz
Imani MCC of Durham - Women's Weekend 2000 Workshop
May 5, 2000

Did you receive the information you expected to receive in the various workshops?

What do you think we should change and/or keep the same for next year?

Would you like someone from the church to contact you? If so, please write your contact information below.

EVERY WOMAN SHOULD KNOW...

- ♥ how to fall in love without losing herself
- ♥ how to quit a job, break up with a lover, and confront a friend without ruining the friendship
- ♥ when to try harder and when to walk away
- ♥ how to have a good time at a party she'd never choose to attend
- ♥ how to ask for what she wants in a way that makes it most likely she'll get it
- ♥ that she can't change the length of her calves, the width of her hips, or the nature of her parents
- ♥ that her childhood may not have been perfect, but it's over
- ♥ what she would and wouldn't do for love or more
- ♥ how to live alone - even if she doesn't like it
- ♥ whom she can trust, whom she can't, and why she shouldn't take it personally
- ♥ where to go- be it to her best friend's kitchen table, or a charming inn in the woods when her soul needs soothing
- ♥ what she can and can't accomplish in a day... a month... and a year
- ♥ But if nothing else... KNOW THAT YOU ARE TRULY LOVED BY GOD AND THAT GOD ONLY WISHES THE BEST FOR YOU AND YOUR LIFE!

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MEMO FROM GOD:

To: YOU
Date: TODAY
From: THE BOSS
Subject: YOURSELF
Reference: LIFE

I am God. Today I will be handling all of your problems. Please remember that I do not need your help. If life happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle, do not attempt to resolve it. Kindly put it in the SFGTD (something for God to do) box. It will be addressed in My time, not yours. Once the matter is placed into the box, do not hold on to it.

If you find yourself stuck in traffic, don't despair. There are people in this world for whom driving is an unheard of privilege.

Should you have a bad day at work; think of the man who has been out of work for years.

Should you despair over a relationship gone bad; think of the person who has never known what it's like to love and be loved in return.

Should you grieve the passing of another weekend; think of the woman in dire straits, working twelve hours a day, seven days a week to feed her children.

Should your car break down, leaving you miles away from assistance; think of the paraplegic who would love the opportunity to take that walk.

Should you notice a new gray hair in the mirror; think of the cancer patient in chemotherapy who wishes she had hair to examine.

Should you find yourself at a loss and pondering what is life all about, asking what is my purpose? Be thankful. There are those who didn't live long enough to get the opportunity.

Should you find yourself the victim of other people's bitterness, ignorance, smallness or insecurities; Remember, things could be worse. You could be them!!!!

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Diverse Yet Inclusive

UFMCC World Jubilee

July 16, 1999

Presenter: Wanda Y. Floyd, Pastoral Leader - Imani MCC

Timeline:

November 1996:

Vision for church in Durham, NC

December 1996:

Spoke to Sr. Pastor of St. John's MCC, Raleigh, NC

December 1996 - January 1997

Contacted possible people for Advisory Team

February 1997:

Presented idea of Parish Extension to the Board at St. John's

April 1997:

Began bi-weekly meetings of Advisory Team

May 1997:

Decided to become New Work instead of Parish Extension

June 1997:

Held first focus group - 14 in attendance

July 1997:

Held second focus group - 10 in attendance

September 1997:

Applied for New Work status with District

Began conducting bible study on Faith leading up to first service

October 1997:

Flyers and letters hit the mail and the bars about the new church

November 1997:

Chose name based on what "Imani" meant. It means "Faith"

Night before first service, a prayer vigil was held with 13 in attendance

Held first service at 3:00 PM, November 23, 1997 - 121 in attendance

Things Discussed During Team Meetings

- Who will be our target group?
- Do we want to be a part of MCC?
- What space will we rent? Location? Safety?
- What bank will we be using?
- Who will help do service each week?
- Discuss the pros and cons of parish extension vs. new works
- Time of the service
- Budget
- PRAYER, PRAYER, PRAYER

Feedback from Focus Groups

- A need for a spiritual home where everyone is welcomed
- A place where the gifts of the spirit can be manifested
- Deal with social justice issues, be community oriented
- Not being allowed to be active in a church due to sexuality
- Judgments made based on sexuality
- Feeling “incomplete” at other churches
- Not being ministered to in other churches
- Looking for a place that is affirming of all people

Ongoing

- Church forums every 3 months (update on what is happening in the church)
- Educate on who UFMCC is and what we believe
- Membership class every 2 months
- Try and get people to conferences
- Review by-laws
- Monthly fellowship events (bowling, sporting events, etc.)
- Establish goals, both short and long-term goals (6 months to a year and 3 - 5 years)
- Constantly reviewing our worship experience (what is working well or not working well)
- Sharing one-on-one with Pastor as members
- Provide outlets for groups that are not represented in large numbers (men's potluck, couple's ministry, etc.)
- Once a month Faith Journey sharing (a person is chosen to do an extended testimony complete with scripture references)
- Invite UFMCC pastors to come and speak at least every 3 months
- Invite LGBT pastors from local area to speak
- Review our mission statement regularly
- Weekly prayer before service

Things Done to Ensure Inclusivity

- Scripture read in different languages
- Adding liturgical dance
- Talk to people about what they would like to see in the worship service on a regular basis
- Beginning a dialogue about different faith traditions
- Singing songs that cause us to get out of our "comfort zones"
- Talk about our sexuality as well as our spirituality
- Encourage and empower people to use the gifts God has given them (i.e. dancing, music, singing, poetry reading, etc.)
- Invite people to come and speak outside of the gay community (we do not live in a vacuum)
- Have a connection with area universities (college students)
- Have a connection with other gay leaders (networking)
- Ask the different groups represented in the congregation what they need in a faith community

Challenges

- Why another church?
- What makes this church different/unique?
- Criticism of being labeled a "Gay Church".
- Being a female, African-American Pastor who is OUT of the closet
- Pastoring to a congregation that is predominately African-American lesbian and have the energy to reach out to other ethnic groups and genders
- Incorporating worship for a congregation whose average age is 35
- Recognizing the youth group within the congregation and how to reach out to them
- Dealing with the usual church politics (i.e. money issues, board issues, by-laws, etc.)
- Educating about UFMCC and Inclusivity
- Dealing with rapid growth as a single Pastor on staff
- Being a predominately African-American Christian church that is predominately gay and lesbian in the South
- Internalized oppression and homophobia within the congregation

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